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"Conversations on Diplomacy"
Moderated by Charlie Rose

Remarks by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of
State

April 20, 2011

"President Obama has said that he will continue to press both sides, which is what we believe we have to do, that everyone would realize that negotiations are the only way, but more than that, they are an immediate need to return to, because our assessment is that it is in the best interests of both the Israelis and the Palestinians, even in the midst of everything going on in the region, to try to turn to the hard work of determining borders, determining the security requirements, and dealing with all the other issues that they have to face."



Related Media:

Click here to see [video](#) of the full interview.

Ambassador Melanne Vermeer Visits the Middle East

Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues visited Jerusalem and the West Bank between April 19 and 20.



السفيرة المتجولة ميلاني فيرفير تزور الشرق الأوسط

زارت السفيرة المتجولة لقضايا المرأة العالمية ميلاني فيرفير القدس و الضفة الغربية في يومي 19 و 20 نيسان 2011

Related Media:

إستمع (ي) لمقابلة إذاعية مع القنصل العام دانيال روبنستين على [إذاعة نساء إف أم](#) يتحدث بها عن شهر المرأة

Recognizing an International Woman of Courage

On April 18, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein presented Ms. Ola Abu Al-Ghaib, Chairwoman of the Stars of Hope Society, with a special certificate in recognition of her efforts to improve the status of disabled women within the Palestinian Territories.



القنصلية الأمريكية العامة تكرم الناشطة في حقوق الأشخاص ذوي الإعاقة علا أبو الغيب لترشحها لجائزة المرأة الدولية الشجاعة

كرم القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين السيدة علا أبو الغيب، رئيسة جمعية نجوم الأمل على جهودها لتحسين وضع النساء ذوات الإعاقة في الأراضي الفلسطينية بالإضافة إلى زيادة الوعي حول معاناتهن على المستويين الإقليمي والعالمي. يذكر أن القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس رشحت السيدة علا أبو الغيب لجائزة المرأة الدولية الشجاعة لعام 2011 وهي جائزة تمنحها وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية لتكريم النساء حول العالم اللواتي أظهرن شجاعة وقيادة إستثنائية في الدفاع عن حقوق النساء وتقديمهن. للاطلاع على تصريحات القنصل العام روبنستين خلال حفل التكريم

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2012 Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship PHD Student Program

The Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship is a highly selective program for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. Approximately 40 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to improving cross-cultural relations through international exchange. Students will be enrolled for Ph.D. study at top U.S. universities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math beginning in fall 2012 for academic year 2012-2013.

The fellowship will provide the following benefits: Activities, tuition and fees; A monthly stipend for up to 36 months; Book and equipment, research and professional conference allowances; J-1 visa sponsorship for up to five years; Round-trip airfare from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States; Health and accident coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines; and specially tailored enrichment activities. After three years, the host U.S. University will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of the Ph.D. J-1 visa sponsorship will be provided for up to five years.

Eligible fields include: aeronautics and astronomic/aeronautical engineering, agriculture and aeronautical engineering, astronomy/planetary sciences, biology, biomedical engineering, chemistry, computer sciences/engineering, energy, engineering (electrical, chemical, civil, mechanical, ocean, and petroleum), environmental science/engineering, geology/earth and atmospheric sciences, information sciences and systems (engineering focus only), materials science/engineering, mathematics, neuroscience, oceanography, public health (biostatistics and epidemiology) and physics.

A completed online International Fulbright Science and Technology Application which is located at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>. Also, please complete, sign and send your application to exchanges@state.gov.

Deadline and inquiries:

May 16th, 2011 Late applications will NOT be accepted.

West Bank/East Jerusalem residents: Tel: (02) 622-7172 or 0545-420953 email: exchanges@state.gov

Gaza residents: Tel: 08-2864-623 or 0599-677-317 email: emattar@palnet.com

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2012 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the AY 2012 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. FLTA fellows spend nine months during the academic year serving as teaching assistants at U.S. educational institutions while also taking courses in English teaching and American Studies as non-degree students. FLTAs also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects.

FLTA fellows may teach up to two language classes and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in American studies. The remaining coursework must relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA fellows will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs and language tables.

FLTA fellows will be required to attend a regional orientation arranged by ECA during the summer of 2010 before arriving in the United States in August. FLTA fellows will also be required to attend a mid-year enrichment workshop that will be hosted by ECA in the United States to share and discuss foreign language best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows.

Application Guidelines: Interested candidates are required to submit an on-line application via the on-line system at the following website:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>

Deadline: Friday, August 5, 2011.

Inquiries:

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Earth Day 2011

APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY 2011

5 Facts about Earth Day

1. 20 million Americans celebrated the first earth day on April 22, 1970
2. Earth Day Networks estimates that 500 million people from 4,500 organizations in 180 countries will participate in Earth Day 2011.
3. According to World Resources Institute, as many as 80% of Americans describe themselves as environmentalists.
4. Earth Day was founded by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson
5. April 22 is the first official day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere

See Link for: <http://wilderness.org/>

Science and Technology cooperation:
<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/stc/index.htm>

Environment and Conservation:
<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/env/>



Do you know that the first Earth Day marked the beginning of a new era in environmental politics, an era that saw the passage of the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act?

Earth Day is Today, Find out how the [State Department](#) helps protect the environment — Earth Day and every day!!

Other Useful Subjects and Links

2011 Investment Climate Statement

Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs

March 2011

[Overview of Foreign Investment Climate](#)

Palestinian businesses have a reputation for a high level of professionalism and product quality, and large Palestinian enterprises are internationally connected, with partnerships extending to Asia, Europe, the Gulf, and the Americas. The Palestinian economy is small, relatively open, and dependent on access to foreign markets for trade. However, restrictions on the movement and access of goods and people between the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and external markets imposed by the Government of Israel (GOI) continue to have a deleterious effect on the private sector and limit economic growth. The de facto rule in Gaza of Hamas, a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO), combined with GOI restrictions on imports and exports, constrains private sector opportunities in Gaza.

See link for Business Support:
<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/cba/faq/index.htm>